

Book and Tract Work.

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LINK THE CITIES.

Brain centers are centers of power. City centers are centers of power. They should be centers of spiritual power. To be such they should be converted and linked by chains of truth, and love and mercy. From the center we can work toward the circumference; from the city and town we can work to the country. I speak of general principles not of exceptional cases.

One way to link the cities is through earnest, faithful mission workers. Mission workers are not trained in a practical manner. They should be taught to work for conversions, not to make known theological theories. There are enough of these, too few of the others. I do not admire all the methods of the Salvation Army, but their success shows the value of training for a special object. The American Volunteers are an improvement on the old army. The Brethren Church ought to stand at the head of all others. She has platform broad, and object great enough to focus all effort in one direction.

I trust the Chicago Mission will be inferior to none, but prove a success in every way. Hard work, serious obstacles, indifferent church members may all stand in the way, but God who helped David run through a troop and jump over a wall, will help his people now to do the work he gives them to do. This, however, does not lessen our responsibility in the matter. We are to work, pray, pay and in every way help the cause, and when the work is started in one city send trained helpers to start it in another city, putting all work on a self supporting basis as fast as possible.

To this end I ask the co-operation of every Christian. Send me the address of your children, parents, friends who are living in Chicago, or who I may call to see in other cities. Pray for our success, and let us push and develop the work, and remember, brethren, that the literary department of the church is connected with all mission work. The pulpit, pew and printing press are a trinity to do this great work successfully. Let us then remember our publishing interest, and if you cannot preach Christ through Pulpit you can through Press.

Remember that this work can not be done in a week or month, or year, but it can be done. Let this year be the greatest year for conversion and work in the history of the church, and let us by our

work with Christ link the cities: "Make a chain, for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence." Ezek. 7: 23.

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Our Dead.

NEFF.—Mary Magalena Neff, after a lingering illness of some six years, departed this life on Oct. 28, 1896. She was nearly 79 years of age. She had been a member of the German Baptist Brethren Church. The funeral service was held in the Brethren Church in the town of Winchester, Ohio, conducted by the writer.

JOSIAH KEIM.

FULLER.—Carrie Alta, daughter of brother Columbus and Margaret Ronk, wife of Leo A. Fuller, died Oct. 23, 1896, aged 21 years, 1 month, and 18 days. She was a faithful Christian and member of the Brethren Church at Turlock, Calif., and will be much missed by us. But she will be most missed by her devoted husband, to whom she had given her hand and heart in marriage two years ago. Their only child was buried last March, and now the mother has gone to rejoin it. She was laid away to rest in the presence of a large gathering of her Brethren, friends, and neighbors. Funeral services by the writer, assisted by Brother Barber, of the Congregational Church. God bless the bereaved ones, and help them look forward to that great day when the faithful shall meet again to part no more.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

AMIGH.—It becomes my sad duty to chronicle the sad and untimely death of brother John Levi Amigh of this place. Brother Amigh was conductor on what is known as Pittsburg Local Freight. He had been in R. R. service for the P. R. R. Co., about 23 years and was faithful to his employer. On his way east with his train on last Saturday morning, Oct. 24, 1896, while at the eastern end of the Wall yards, while getting out a car, Brother Amigh, his brother, and one other of the trainmen were in the caboose, Brother Amigh looked out of the rear window and saw an engine, tender first, coming rapidly toward them. He shouted, lookout boys, and made for the rear door and just gained the outside when the tender came crashing into the caboose, leaving its truck and mounting the floor of the caboose catching him between the tender and rear end of the caboose, crushing his life out almost instantly. The other two men were thrown to the floor one on

top of the other and rather under the tender; the one did not get a scratch and the other not seriously hurt. He leaves a wife, eight children, an aged mother, two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends, to mourn the sad loss. His age was 41 years, 5 months, and 21 days. His funeral which took place at the Brethren Church of this place was very largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, from James 4: 14. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow," assisted by brethren E. E. Haskins and Wesley Adams, both of Johnstown. He was laid to rest in the Headrick cemetery in the presence of a large crowd to wait the final resurrection. Peace to his ashes.

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Literary Notes.

"Recent Advances in Medical Education in the United States" is an interesting subject authoritatively handled by W. D. Hamaker, A. M., M. D., in *The Chautauquan* for November. William Elliot Griffis, D. D., treats of the past, present, and future of the "Princess Country" in a most satisfactory paper on "Japan as an Industrial Power." Under the heading "The Contamination of our Municipal Water Supplies" Frank J. Thornbury, clearly points out the importance of pure drinking water as a preventive of disease. An article on "Sea Sculpture" by Bishop H. W. Warren, L. L. D., and explained by pertinent illustrations from photographs of the California coast line is an important feature of this number.

The Preacher's Magazine for November reaches us with rich and varied topics bearing upon Thanksgiving season. The excellency of the articles are notable. "A Harvest Festival Sermon," entitled "The Gospel of the Summer," by the Rev. W. L. Watkinson, is the most excellent. "The Daily Bread," by the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, is a discourse of great merit. "How Men get their Sermons," suggestions from some living preachers by the Rev. John Edwards, contains entertaining and valuable thoughts. The Homiletical department is liberally supplied with choice and short sketches and outlines, among them "Better Times Need Better Men," by the Rev. B. E. Hawkins. "The Lord's Prayer, the Fourth Petition," by the Rev. J. Feather; "A Field Survey," by the Rev. F. D. Hyde. All are worthy and suggestive. "Thanksgiving Offerings" (notes for an address); "How to Spend Thanksgiving," and "The Story of Thanksgiving," by the Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., are opportune. "Perpetual Thanks," by Anna Maria Hellier, is helpful. "A Bible Reading on Thanksgiving;" "Children's Sermons;" "Notes and Illustrations;" "Notes on the International Sunday-school Lessons," by Dr. Wm E. Ketcham, enrich the magazine. It is a capital number. Fifteen cents a copy, \$1.50 a year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

Do not consider any vice as trivial, and therefore practice it; do not consider any virtue as unimportant, and therefore neglect it.